

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 27, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Absent- None

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.

PETITIONS

A petition was brought forth by the Clerk who was contacted earlier in the day by Jeanne Struna of the La Salle Peru Kiwanis Club asking for approval to hold their annual Peanut Day collection at Illinois Valley Food Center on Friday, August 30 and Saturday, August 31, 2013. Since the request was not on the agenda, a straw poll was taken and the request was granted. The petition will be ratified at the September 10, 2013 Council meeting.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from LP High School Link Crew to hold a 5K race on Sunday, October 6 beginning at 8:30 a.m. commencing at LP Clock Tower and ending at Howard Fellows Stadium utilizing City streets. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Laura Frizol of the La Salle Business Association to close First Street between Marquette and Gooding for Jazz N' the Street on September 7, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. thru 10:00 a.m. September 8, 2013.

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The petition from the Notre Dame Club to host a coat drive was withdrawn and will be requested at a later date.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve the request of Ameren Illinois to retire gas service for demolition at 334-4th Street.
Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for July 2013 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$1,089,082.92 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$3,534,462.62. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept and place on file the Police Income Report for July 2013 showing total fees collected of \$16,640.93. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for May 2013 of \$77,170.69 and referendum approved sales tax of \$32,990.89 for a total of \$110,161.58. is accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.
Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

BIDS

Sam McNeilly reported that in regards to the Effluent Pump Station project, the City recently went out for bids; however the bids have yet to be authorized by the State. The time frame to award the bid expired on September 8, which fell between Council meetings, therefore HR Green was asked to contact both bidders to request an extension. A 60 day extension was granted by both firms. Each Alderman, the Mayor and City Attorney were provided with documentation authorizing the extension by Maxim Construction Corp. and D.J. Sickley Construction Company. Ed Coggin, from HR Green explained the bids came in higher than the estimate and the level approved for funding through the CDBG Floodwall Grant, therefore the bids needed to be reviewed by the State. He informed the Council that indications look positive for receiving the additional funding. Both contractors were also open to an additional extension in the future if need be. Mr. Coggin explained these types of delays and extensions are common with State projects.

Sam Mc Neilly explained that bids were sought to construct a shelter to house recently moved hydraulic pump at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. Tieman Builders submitted a quote of 33,800.00 and Pigati Builders submitted a quote of 25,880.00.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the low bid of Pigati Builders of \$25,880.00. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0.**

BIDS: Tieman Builders \$33,800
Pigati Builders \$25,880

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy explained that three bids were received regarding the demolition of the Bank Drive-Up facility at 2nd and Marquette Streets. Mr. Aleksy personally toured the site with each contractor to clarify specifics of the work needing to be done. One contractor expressed concern regarding a 6' steel tube that was used for maintenance of the units in the former drive up lanes. The concern was that future settling could occur if the pipe is not capped. This would require a steel plate be welded over the opening of the pipe to prevent fill from sliding into the tube over time. In addition, a metal plate will also need to be welded over each opening in the individual drive thru lanes to prevent the same issue when back filling. Bids were provided by Boehm Brothers, Inc., Glynn Demolition and Lyle's Trucking. Each and every alderman has a copy. Following discussion, it was moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the bid of Lyle's Trucking at \$14,775.00 because this bidder recognized a safety issue. Although Lyle's Trucking was the high bidder the Mayor mentioned as part of the discussion that it was in the best interest of the City to utilize the bidder who addressed this potential problem proactively including safety. The other proposals did not specifically address this safety concern. The Mayor cast the tie breaking vote.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Ptak, Reynolds, Herndon, Schneider, Mayor Grove. NAY: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Lavieri and Duncan Absent: None.
Motion carried 5-4.

BIDS: Boehm Brothers \$12,850
Glynn Demolition \$13,674
Lyle's Trucking \$14,775

APPOINTMENTS AND RELATED MATTERS

Mayor Grove thanked all involved in the process of seeking the new Director of Public Works and recognized Sam McNeilly for the knowledge, character and integrity he has brought to the position.

Mayor Grove appointed Jeffery Bumgarner to succeed Sam McNeilly as Director of Public Works of the City upon his retirement effective December 1, 2013 and related thereto to the hiring of Jeffery Bumgarner on an interim basis at this time for training and related purposes subject to the Council's consideration.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the appointment of Jeffery Bumgarner to succeed Sam McNeilly as Director of Public Works of the City upon his retirement effective December 1, 2013 and related thereto to the hiring of Jeffery Bumgarner on an interim basis at this time for training and related purposes.

APPOINTMENT: Jeffery Bumgarner, Director of Public Works on an interim basis beginning on 9/18/2013.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. Mayor Grove, although not required, chose to place an AYE vote. NAY: None. Absent: None. ABSTAIN: Alderman Bacidore
Motion carried 8-0.

City Clerk, Carrie Brown read a letter of thanks to the City from Patrick Callahan with Snyder and Associates, Inc.

OLD BUSINESS

Interim Comptroller John Duncan IV presented a quote and information from Civic Systems related to updating computer hardware and software within the City. Although both Tyler Technologies who had also provided a quote, Civic Systems provided similar functionality, the initial investment is lower with Civic Systems and over a 5 year period the savings is \$49,181 greater than with Tyler Technologies. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to contract with Civic Systems at an initial investment of \$166,895. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0.**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #9 for the Retaining Wall Construction Project IKE Disaster Recovery CDBG Funded Improvements totaling \$27,974.77. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0.**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize, pay and place on file Final Pay Estimate #10 for the Retaining Wall Construction Project IKE Disaster Recovery CDBG Funded Improvements totaling \$90,832.48. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to hire Osvaldo Landeros and Brad Gapinski for the position of Patrolman from the Patrolman eligibility list per recommendation of the Police and Fire Commission for the City of La Salle.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Don Baldin explained that the soccer fields at Rotary Park are unplayable. Mr. Baldin conferred with Tom Edgcomb from Grainco FS Inc. who agreed that the field needed to be completely reworked resulting in major cost. Don Baldin found an alternative to correct the problem which includes killing the weeds, tilling and leveling the soil, seeding and fertilizing. Total costs \$2,540.30. The weed kill will be donated by Grainco FS, Inc. and the application, tilling and leveling of soil will be donated by Joe Kolodziej.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to authorize repairs to the soccer fields at Rotary Park in the amount of \$2,540.30

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried 8-0.**

Alderman Herndon reminded residents that signage placed on power poles for garage sales or other events need to be removed.

Alderman Bacidore brought forth the issue of ensuring the City has proper ordinances regarding weeds and bushes. The Streets, Traffic and Alley committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 to discuss the issue.

Alderman Schneider brought up a concern regarding a piece of rebar sticking up from the ground at Hegeler Park between the swings and the spider. Don Baldin stated the problem would be addressed immediately.

Alderman Reynolds brought up the issue of trees overhanging into a neighbor's property. This issue will also be included as part of the Streets, Traffic and Alley committee meeting on September 10, 2013.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

COMMENTS

Alderman Lavieri and Mayor Grove commented on the success of the recent Electronic Pick-Up.

Alderman Reynolds reminded everyone that the Comprehensive Plan Open House and the Uptown Grill will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013.

Joanne Milby thanked the Police and Fire Department for their assistance in the recent Alzheimer's 5K Run held August 18, 2013 as well as those from the City who participated in any way.

Don Aleksy stated that our intern from Western Illinois University will begin on Tuesday, September 3.

Don Baldin reported that a new infield surface is being installed on the adult softball field.

Mike Furlan reported that crews were back on the Crosat Street job and by the end of the week or early next week, the Sidewalk program will begin.

Mayor Grove thanked the staff and Park and Recreation Department for the good work at the pool this summer.

Jazz N' the Street will be held on September 7, 2013.

Mayor Grove wished everyone and safe and happy Labor Day holiday.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$714,639.77 (Total Payroll \$164,628.37, Bills to be paid \$159,829.13, Total Bills Paid \$390,182.27) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent. **Motion carried. 8- 0**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes: motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 8:25 p.m.

Carrie Brown, City Clerk